Utilisation of Water Resources of North-East Region

2130. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plan to utilise water resources of N.E. Region as regards to irrigation, power generation and flood control;

(b) the number of projects taken for these purpose during the last three years; and

(c) the number of projects already commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Brahmaputra Board has prepared Master Plans aimed at integrated development of the Water Resources of all major rivers and tributaries in the Brahmaputra and Barak Valleys for flood moderation, removal of drainage congestion, prevention of erosion, hydropower generation, irrigation and navigation. These Master Plan have been sent to the North Eastern States for implementation by the State Government from the funds allocated under State Plan. For moderating flood and exploiting irrigation and power resources, the Board has also undertaken investigation for preparation of Detailed Project Reports of Multipurpose Projects on Dihang, Subansiri, Pagladiya, Kameng, Debang, Kulsi, Jadukata, Someswari, Bairabi, Lohit, Noa-Dehing, and Tipaimukh rivers identified in the Master Plans. Detailed Projects Reports for pagladiya & Tipaimukh Dam have been competed by Brahmaputra Board.

(b) Three hydroelectric power projects namely Doyang (Nagaland), Ranganadi (Arunachal Pradesh) and Rangit (Sikkim) with a total installed capacity of 548 Mega Watt. have been identified for implementation during IX Plan.

(c) Two hydroelectric power poejects namely Kopili (Assam) and Loktak (Manipur) with a total installed capacity of 355 MW have already been commissioned for power generation.